

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 794

By Kilby

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Melissa Ann Handy,
2006 Salutatorian of Oliver Springs High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Melissa Ann Handy is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2006 graduating class at Oliver Springs High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Handy has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Melissa Ann Handy has earned an exemplary 4.119 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her status as a stellar scholar, this exceptional young woman has earned numerous accolades; she was included in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, was named to the National Honor Roll, and received the Pre-Calculus Award, Algebra II Award, President's Award for Educational Excellence, and the Wellness Award; and

WHEREAS, a valuable participant in her school's activities and her community's affairs, Ms. Handy is a member of several academic, social, and civic organizations, including the Bible Club and the National Beta Club; and

WHEREAS, Melissa Ann Handy has evidenced a strong commitment to public service and good citizenship at an early age, and she volunteers her time and considerable talents to

worthy causes, including food drives and Easter egg hunts and Halloween parties for children in Oak Ridge; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Handy's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her success in college and throughout life; and

WHEREAS, her noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Greg Handy and Edie Shepherd, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Melissa Ann Handy's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Melissa Ann Handy, 2006 Oliver Springs High School Salutatorian, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.